

Minutes For
SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 6, 2010 7:00 PM
Kibbe Fuller

Members Present: JJ Wassmuth, Karen Murdoch, Alicia Albert, Karen McGuane, Kaz Kruzel

Members Absent: Anna Gagnon, Troy LaMontagne

Non-Members Present: Jen Charette, Jim McFeat

Audience: Sloane Stetson, Ed Palomba (Basketball), Deb Wilcox (Flag Football), Kevin Foye (Lacrosse), Mark Lorenzi (Soccer), Jeff Jablonski (Little League), Bill McCloskey (Rock Cats Baseball), Representatives from Ponytail Softball

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm

II. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of November 1 were read and accepted with no changes.

III. Coordinator Report / Parks Report

Jen Charette made the following report on the parks and recreation programs: continuing vandalism at the park including a burned sign at the men's room and bleachers were turned over. The children's toy motorcycle was purchased to replace the one that was previously stolen. It has not yet been installed. The parks department plans to widen and re-pave the entrance drive to the park. The net bases on the tennis courts have been replaced with the correct size footings. The skating rink will be erected again this winter, time and location to be determined. The recent New York bus trip was sold out. Tot Basketball will start in January.

IV. Audience

The heads of the Sports Associations were invited to the meeting to discuss any concerns or requests that they may have for their programs. All

associations have submitted registration numbers, budgets, bylaws and insurance information as requested.

The following issues were brought to the attention of the Recreation Commission:

Basketball – the Basketball representative asked to discuss the Rec Commission policy on in-season sports priority for scheduling facilities. There seems to be some confusion regarding when to submit permit applications and the prioritization used to assign times. It was also brought up that the high school gym is not available at all to recreation activities even on weekends. It was also suggested that the men's basketball league can continue at the later 8:30 time slot if other associations need gym time in the spring when youth basketball is finished.

The Commission will send out a written Policy and Procedure regarding scheduling of facilities and submitting applications for permits.

The Commission will also contact Gary Cotzin regarding use of the high school gym by recreation groups.

Lacrosse – the Lacrosse representative discussed the poor condition of the MBA fields. Jim McFeat stated that the field condition is due to poor drainage and that the BOE does not have money to properly repair the fields. Field preparation was removed from the original school construction project due to lack of funds.

Softball – Softball expressed that the Sokol Road fields are in bad shape. They need additional clay and the grass is very high. By comparison, the Field Road fields are in excellent condition. Jen Charette suggested that the field behind the Senior Center could be used by Softball for instructional ages. The home plates at all of the fields need to be raised and crowned to prevent puddling. Kaz volunteered to go with Ed and Bruce to measure the fields and determine the condition of the base paths and mounds.

The soccer association needs to move the soccer goals off of the lit field after games are over.

There were questions about the condition of the gazebo at the park. The gazebo is scheduled to have repairs made in the spring. Softball volunteered to get parents to help with the painting in the spring.

It was suggested that signs are needed to tell people to not drive on the grass to get to the baseball fields. If one car drives there, then other people think it is allowed.

Flag Football – would like to use the lighted field more often, but they limit the use to two times a week in order to not damage the fields. One of the field lights is out and needs to be fixed.

Little League – Little League had submitted a list of requested maintenance items needed, and future plans to upgrade the condition of the fields and increase the size of one field.

Rock Cats – they predicted their field usage would be the same as last year. They would like a batting cage at the field area. There was general discussion among the group regarding using the old tennis court behind town hall for a general purpose recreation facility. A steel building for the location is an item to consider for CIP.

V. Old Business:

Recreation Commission members are to review the On-Line Registration software and forward comments/recommendations to Jen.

VI. New Business:

The Recreation Commission will be putting together a request for CIP. One item briefly discussed was fixing the newly installed basketball hoops that are wobbly. Another item discussed was security cameras for the park.

VII. Correspondence

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Murdoch
Recreation Commission Secretary